

**NRO REVIEW COMPLETED**

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**A. The National Reconnaissance Program**

1. The NRP is a single program, national in character, to be developed and maintained through a cooperative endeavor on the part of all agencies of the Government concerned. The potentialities of U.S. technology must be aggressively and imaginatively exploited to develop systems for the collection of intelligence which are fully responsive to national intelligence needs and objectives.

2. To implement the NRP, the Secretary of Defense will establish the NRO as a separate operating agency of the DOD. Scheduling and targeting of satellite and manned aircraft missions over denied areas shall continue to be the responsibility of USIB, subject to review by the 303 Committee as appropriate.

**B. Executive Committee**

3. An Executive Committee, consisting of the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence, is hereby established to formulate, guide and regulate the NRP. On the invitation of the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence, the Chairman of the President's Scientific Advisory Committee shall sit on the Executive Committee for the purpose of participating in decisions relating to research and development.

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4. The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Establish an appropriate level of effort for the NRP in response to reconnaissance requirements provided by USIB and in the light of technical capabilities and fiscal limitations.
- b. Approve or modify the consolidated National Reconnaissance Program and its budget.
- c. Acting through the DNRO, allocate responsibility and the corresponding funds to CIA and/or DOD for research and preliminary design studies for new systems.
- d. Allocate development responsibilities and the corresponding funds for specific reconnaissance programs in such a way as to take maximum advantage of the facilities, competence and experience as between NRO, CIA and the individual military services, and establish guidelines for mutual support where appropriate. The Executive Committee shall be free to use technical advisory groups as necessary.
- e. Assign operational responsibilities to either DOD or CIA for various types of manned overflight missions, subject to the concurrence of the 303 Committee.
- f. Review periodically the essential features of the major program elements of the NRP.

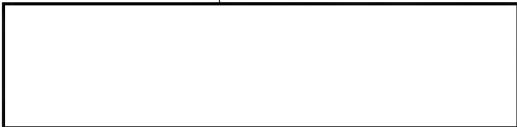
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5. The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of either the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence and at least every two weeks. All meetings will be attended by the DNRO and such staff advisors as the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence think desirable.

C. The National Reconnaissance Office

6. The Director of the NRO shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

7. The Deputy Director NRO, appointed by the DCI, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense, shall be appointed from CIA and shall be in the chain of command directly under the Director NRO and shall at all times be kept fully and currently informed as to all activities of the National Reconnaissance Program. The Deputy Director shall act for, and exercise the powers of the Director, NRO, during his absence or disability.

8. The NRO shall be jointly staffed by personnel from the CIA, and three military departments and other DOD agencies. All NRO personnel will serve solely under the direction and supervision of the DNRO.

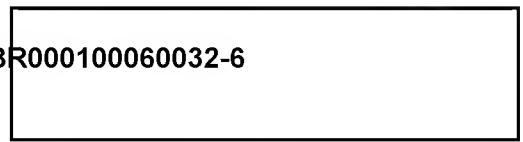
9. The Director NRO shall:

a. Be kept fully and completely informed of all programs and activities undertaken as part of the NRP.

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b. Subject to review by the Executive Committee, have authority to approve, modify, redirect or terminate all research and development programs in the NRP.

c. Prepare a coordinated, comprehensive budget for all aspects of the National Reconnaissance Program.

d. Establish a fiscal control and accounting procedure to ensure that all funds expended in support of the National Reconnaissance Program are fully accounted for and appropriately utilized by the agencies concerned. The budget shall, in particular, show separately those funds to be applied to research and exploratory development, advanced development, engineering development, and operational development. It shall show the portion of the funds that are assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency. Funds expended or obligated under the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence under Public Law 110 will be administered and accounted for by CIA.

10. The NRO shall:

a. Furnish staff support to the DNRO;

b. Establish a launching schedule for all satellite reconnaissance payloads in response to expressed USIB requirements and ensure that adequate launch vehicles and payloads are procured to meet this schedule;

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c. Be responsible for the launching, inflight control, tracking and recovery of satellite reconnaissance operations;

d. Establish and maintain the capability to undertake the engineering, development, production and procurement of new reconnaissance systems including satellite payloads;

e. Undertake such other responsibilities as may be assigned to it by the Executive Committee.

D. Satellite Operations Center

11. To implement the DCI's responsibility for targeting and scheduling of satellite reconnaissance missions, the Satellite Operations Center will be a function of the CIA. This Center will be responsible for selecting the orbit choice and camera programming for individual missions and providing guidance for the on-orbit tasking of satellite vehicles. In response to USIB requirements and within the constraints imposed by vehicle availability, it will determine the desired launch schedule.

E. Security

12. The Director of Central Intelligence, in accordance with his statutory responsibilities for protection of intelligence sources and methods, shall be responsible for the over-all security policy of the NRP. The DNRO

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will be responsible for the coordination of security matters within the respective elements of the NRP in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Executive Committee. Release of public information shall be coordinated with the DCI. The CIA shall maintain a central record of all security clearances related to the NRP.

F. Initial Allocation of Program Responsibilities

13. Responsibility for existing programs of the NRP shall be allocated as indicated in Annex A attached hereto.

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Secretary of Defense

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Director of Central Intelligence

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ANNEX A

Initial allocation of responsibility for existing programs of the NRP:

CIA shall continue to be responsible for:

- a. The operational activity of the IDEALIST and OXCART programs.
- b. The production, procurement and improvement of CORONA payloads.

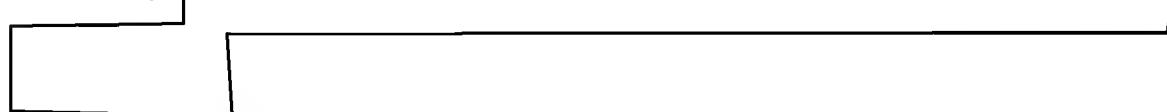
c. [Redacted]

The NRO shall be responsible for, in addition to the launching, inflight

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control, tracking and recovery of all satellite payloads:

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- b. The development and production of a new general search system.

c. The development of ISINGLASS.

d. Procurement of boosters for all payloads used in the programs.

- e. The production, procurement and improvement of all SIGINT payloads.

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